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U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll, Republic of the Marshall Islands

RMI, Kwaj support victims

By Peter Rejcek
Associate Editor

USAKA's host nation is throwing its full support behind the United States during the nation's darkest hour.

Republic of the Marshall Islands President Kessai Note wrote a letter to U.S. President George W. Bush

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Wednesday pledging his country's support.

In part, Note wrote, "As friends, allies and strategic partners of the United States, the RMI government and its people extend our deepest sympathies and condolences to the people and government of the United States for the unimaginable horrors

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(Photo by Jim Bennett)

From left, Denise Morrow, Brenda Panton, Debbie Thomas, Cathy Cutshaw and Ivy Springer hold their candles and sing the national anthem Saturday night at the flag poles during a memorial service for the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States. Hundreds of Kwajalein residents turned out on the rainy night for the candlelight march from the high school to the flag poles, which was followed by the memorial service.



(Photo by Jim Bennett)

NMD site manager Jim Hill, left, talks with George Koeplinger, center, of Layer8 Technology Inc. and NMD's Dave Gray about technology improvements to the old Building 1009 conference room.

NMD brings Meck control room to Kwaj field office

By Jim Bennett
Editor

Jim Hill could work himself out of a job on Kwajalein. The NMD site manager and his staff are coordinating the remoting of several mission data transfer functions from Meck to Building 1009, NMD's field office on Kwajalein.

"We're learning how to do this here, but take it one step further," Hill said. "Right now we're limited by bandwidth, but once you have a fiber optic line or similar bandwidth, you can transfer test functions to Hawaii or even the states."

Similar to the Kwajalein Modernization and Remoting project, NMD has brought online a modern conference room theater, or what Hill calls a "virtual control room." In short, visitors can view Meck launches, most of the accompanying data, and never leave Kwajalein.

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Attacks harken back to similar 'day of infamy'

By Gwyne Copeland

Last night [Thursday], I heard a story about a Middle Eastern cab driver being dragged out of his car and roughed up because of the terrorist attack. I was sad and remembered a time when another group of people was scapegoated because they looked like the fanatics who committed an atrocity. I wrote this essay in response to those feelings.

Tuesday's terrorist attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon has changed our souls. Our airports may be less like family reunions and more like visiting day at the state pen.

The threat so palpable in far flung places like Jerusalem, East Timor or Kosovo is suddenly barging down our living room door. No one will board a plane, enter a high-rise or say good-bye to a loved one without thinking of that awful day. The sickening shock will likely come in waves, not calm soothing waves lapping on the shore, but crashing waves leaving destruction behind.

There is no doubt that Tuesday's attack was the work of wicked men, no doubt they deserve the full weight and wrath of a country in mourning. But before we judge a whole group of people by the terrorist acts of extremists, I want to tell you about a girl I know.

Naturally, after an unprovoked, early morning attack, we make comparisons to



another "day that will live in infamy." The morning attack on Pearl Harbor rocked a nation and left our bravest and youngest Americans dead. It, like Tuesday's tragedy, scarred our national psyche.

On Dec. 7, 1941, a 16-year-old American girl named Kay sat transfixed by the radio. She listened over and over to the accounts of the attack. Kay wasn't her given name. She was born Kazuko — too hard to say for most, too Japanese for her.

Kay peppered her father with questions that day, "Why did they do this?" "Will there be a war?" "What will happen to us?" "Do I have to go to school?" He assured her she'd be safe. After all, she was an American, born in the best country in the world. She'd go to school and mourn with her classmates. If she did, no one would doubt her loyalty or devotion to their country.

The next morning she went to school, but her loyalty wasn't enough to protect her from prejudice and hate. Many Americans turned their anger and fear against

the Japanese Americans.

On Feb. 12, 1942, President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 and evacuated Kay and 110,000 other Japanese Americans to relocation camps in isolated rural outposts throughout the U.S. For the duration of the war the government suspended Kay's civil rights. She was a citizen of the United States by birth, her parents were by choice. They came to the land of the free and the home of the brave to cast their lot with those who value liberty above all else.

That girl is my mother and I'm proud of her patriotism. She harbors no ill will, and values everyday she's lived in a free country where her daughters and grandchildren can grow up to be whatever they aspire to be.

So before we rush to judge or restrict the civil liberties of a whole class of Americans, for the actions of a few extreme madmen, remember why your ancestors came to the shores of the United States. They came for economic opportunity, religious freedom or to escape political persecution. Whatever the reason, as Americans, we cannot deny others the same opportunities we have been so blessed to have.

(Gwyne Copeland is assistant to USAKA assistant chief of staff, Operations, and a two-year Kwajalein resident.)

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Buckminster and Friends — By Sabrina Mumma



Continental, Aloha return amid tighter terminal security

By Peter Rejcek
Associate Editor

Commercial airline service returned to normal this week, but passengers should expect and plan for longer check-in and boarding times, according to aviation officials.

Aloha and Continental, as well as ATI and AMC, began flying their regular schedule today, though as late as Saturday commercial air service was still up in the air.

Web sites for both airlines had indicated that service was still grounded.

"Continental has now learned that it will not be allowed to operate most of its international flights into the U.S. until cleared by the U.S. government," according to a news release on Continental's home page Saturday.

Aloha Airlines said it has "resumed operating its entire flight schedule today [Sept. 14 CONUS time] with

the exception of international flight service to the Central Pacific."

Last week's interruption in air service was taken in stride by most people, said Yvonne Duarte, Continental Travel Agency manager. In fact, many were voluntarily canceling travel plans, she said.

"Nobody wants to travel," she said. "They're heart is just not in it."

"We've have had just a wonderful, wonderful response from people," Duarte added.

For those already with tickets who do plan to cancel their travel, Duarte said Continental and other major airlines are all offering to honor fares with travel dates from Sept. 14 through Oct. 14 for one full year. She said airlines are also offering full refunds with no penalties, as well.

"We're selling more refunds than we're selling tickets," she noted.

ATI and AMC service started to get back on track Saturday, with planes resuming their normal

schedule today, according to Maj. Matt Reed, USAKA Supply and Transportation chief. But Reed warned that once passengers got to Honolulu, there was no guarantee when they could get an onward flight.

"[People] might be better off staying put," he said.

Duarte agreed. "If you don't have to go, then don't."

Meanwhile, local passengers are facing tighter security restrictions at the terminal.

Joe Johnston, Aviation deputy manager, said the FAA is requiring "heightened security." Check-in and carry-on luggage is no longer just being x-rayed; Kwajalein police are physically searching bags. For the 32 passengers on Saturday's ATI flight, that meant more than two hours to check-in and board the aircraft, according to Johnston.

"What we have to do is quite in-depth," he said.

Locks are being installed at the terminal waiting area, as well, meaning only ticketed passengers will be allowed access to the building.

"That room will be a sterile area," he said, adding that passengers don't seem to mind the added delays.

"People have been very cooperative," Johnston said. "They know the ramifications."

Passengers are asked to keep carry-on luggage to a bare minimum. Incidentally, no knives or cutting instruments of any kind will be allowed in the passenger cabin.

The lock-down at the terminal has forced the Micronesian Handicraft Shop to close until further notice. Susan O'Connor, chairman of the Mic Shop Board, said the doors will be closed until community access is restored during non-flight hours. If that doesn't happen, the shop could possibly be moved out of the building, she said.

Title X program helps equip Ebeye Public Works

By Jim Bennett
Editor

Ebeye Public Works Director Najio Jesse will have more tools to keep the island's utilities online thanks to a Title X program sponsored by the U.S. Army and the Commander in Chief, Pacific.

Jesse unloaded a crate full of tools this month — large wrenches, a carpenters kit and hydraulic jacks, to name a few.

Asked if he could use them, he replied, "Yes."

"We're always needing tools," said Jack Akeang, Ebeye's acting mayor. "I think we'll be able to put these to good use."

The crates of tools were only a portion of two large Matson containers filled with excess military items from Okinawa given to the Marshallese on Ebeye.

Other items included vehicles, two large trucks and a pair of sports utility vehicles donated earlier this summer and a truck given to Queen of Peace school this month. One crate held dishes that would go to the hospital, said Noda Lojkar, USAKA ombudsman. Another held boxes of surgical tubing. Two refrigerators stood nearby, awaiting delivery to their next homes — probably the hospital, as well.



Tom Tehgata, left, and Najio Jesse, Ebeye Public Works director, sort through new tools received through a Title X program, sponsored by the Army and the Commander in Chief, Pacific.

(Photo by Jim Bennett)

Another crate held Army boots, mess kits, blankets and cots.

Several crates held a variety of items, along with school desks stacked and packed for maximum efficiency. The desks would go to the public schools where hundreds of children currently have no desks, Akeang said.

One challenge for the donation is figuring the value, said Maj. David Coffey, USAKA

chief Host Nation Office.

"A pair of boots is around \$40, alone, and I don't know how many are in there," Coffey said.

Officials conservatively estimated the value in the thousands.

The value for Jesse, who now has tools he needs, and the hundreds of school children, who now have desks, is immeasurable.

Bandwidth holds the key to remote ops ...

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"On Meck, we're in the blockhouse, Building 5050 without windows. All data comes from NMD elements and various sensors, i.e. telemetry, cameras, GPS, radars, etc. Our goal is to monitor all the Meck information here on Kwajalein," Hill said. "The only difference is we don't have mission control functions here."

But that could be the next step.

George Koepplinger and Keith Harville of Layer8 Technology Inc. worked in August in the NMD facilities on Meck and Kwaj. They have already built much of the control room on Meck, so this is not new to them.

"We could even get some subwoofers in here and shake the building when it launches," Koepplinger joked. "We haven't, but we could."

The secret lies in the now commonly used buzzword, bandwidth. Within the atoll, USAKA maintains a fiber optic ring, making remoting within feasible. NMD just installed a high speed data network between Meck, GBR-P and its new classified data analysis center in Building 1009 that will support mission analysis and CONUS data transfers.

"We're not developing anything new here; all the hardware pieces are commercial products" Hill said.

"We're just integrating leading technology," Koepplinger added.

Conference Room 1009 opened for IFT-6, after renovations to the facility and entire building over the previous 18 months. Wires were stripped out, paint laid on every wall and a wireless computer network installed. The building could still use more work to bring it up to modern standards, Hill said, but at least the offices are clean and functional.

During the '60s, the building served as the equivalent of today's Reagan Test Site headquarters, or Building 1010, and the conference room was the Range command and control room at the time.

Today, the conference room remains the showcase of the tour, a tour that may become more public. Hill said NMD is considering opening the conference room to some Kwaj residents during the next IFT mission; the room holds up to 90 people comfortably. That would allow locals to better understand their role in and the importance of the mission, Hill said. With all classified material removed from the screens, Kwaj residents could sit in the theater-like atmosphere and watch as a ground-based interceptor streaks into the sky for the kill. The only thing lacking would be the pop-



Taken from nearly the same angle as the front page photograph, the conference room, after it was cleaned up, held only a single chalkboard. Now it features a multi-media presentation system.

(Photo courtesy of Jim Hill)

corn.

If it sounds like NMD's remoting plays into USAKA's Vision 2015 or the Department of Defense's suggested plans for a pan-Pacific missile range, that's only coincidental.

"The Range modernization vision can go to 2015. We can't," Hill said. "If we're going to deploy the NMD system in five to six years, we've got to start now."

And they have. NMD hopes to bring a new T1 communication line up soon, and through bandwidth management, coordinated through the Range, bandwidth back to the states should double, and maybe even triple, over the next few months. Bandwidth management means that users of particular lines, like NMD's T1 line, which lays virtually dormant between missions, would donate their lines for general use on non-mission days; but on mission days NMD would get a piece of other lines not currently available to them.

Hill described the range and its users as a saw tooth, with individual programs ramping up for their own missions, peaking at mission time and then falling off drastically after the data is delivered, which is the big challenge.

With the current bandwidth, much of the critical data can be sent electronically within 24 hours. In the old days, and even as recent as a few years ago, most of the data was sent by courier on data disks or even large tapes. Delivery then might take three or more days.

"At least now we're beating the plane in most cases," Hill said.

Hill envisions a day when all data will be viewed in real-time in places like Huntsville, Washington, D.C. and other data analysis centers.

True, during IFT-6, people at 38 video-conferencing centers in the states saw the

mission on television feeds, but they saw only the videos and basic animation, not the critical telemetry and other unique NMD element data needed for quick analysis.

During IFT-5, for example, Hill and others in the back section of the Meck control room saw that the EKV did not separate from the booster and knew immediately the intercept would fail and why.

Likewise, during IFT-6, they saw the intercept.

Why not view the data, real-time at other off-island locations, Hill asks?

Such a move would cut the footprint on Kwajalein for the NMD program. The program currently employs 66 people on the island. The majority of the off-island hires are accompanied by their families. Another 315 people came to Kwajalein TDY for IFT-6. More than 30 of them were involved primarily in data analysis and presentations.

"We'll still need the launch and the radar crews, but much of the analysis and management, even some of my job functions, could be moved off-island," Hill said.

USAKA, SMDC and the Department of Defense are still exploring a multi-million dollar deal with the Republic of the Marshall Islands and Federated States of Micronesia that would result in a fiber optic cable linking Kwajalein, and the island states, to the rest of the world.

Count Jim Hill a proponent.

"Kwajalein will always be a primary development site for NMD, because of the unique instrumentation and ability to collect data," Hill said. "But technology today is making it possible for changes in the way we do business. And who knows what will be available in 2015?"

Classified Ads and Community Notices

HELP WANTED

The following on-island positions are open with Raytheon. For more information or to submit a resumé or application, call HR employment, Andrea Dixon, 53705.

LIBRARY AIDE, Grace Sherwood Library. Casual. Duties include data entry, shelving and check-out of books. Seeking mature, responsible individual to work six to 10 hours per week in the afternoon, with occasional evening or weekend hours

Raytheon off-island positions are updated weekly in the Career Opportunities Book at the HR counter, Bldg. 700.

WANTED

CHEAP GUITAR amplifier, with or without electric guitar. Call 52344.

INDIVIDUAL NEEDED for teaching guitar lessons to my son and myself. Call Geary at 52345.

IN DESPERATE NEED of *Office for Mac* software. If you can lend it to me, I will lend you the latest edition of *MacLink*, *Tech Tool Pro* and *Spring Cleaning*. Contact me at sandrayao@usa.net.

LOST

BOSCH POWER Tools baseball cap, black, with red visor, Sept. 8, possibly by Macy's West. Call 54624.

FOUND

STRAW HAT with brown ribbon and bow between Sands BQ and the hospital. Call 52557.

FOR SALE

PCSS SALE. Scuba gear: TUSA regulator with computer, Oceanic medium BCD, fins, soft weights, booties, mask, everything you need to dive, \$550; toaster oven, \$25; golf cart, \$20. Call Andy, 53773W or 51192H.

CD-RW blank media, new in sealed individual jewel cases, writeable up to 1,000 times, 2x compatible, 650 MB capacity, 50¢ each. Call Jerry, 54641.

EPSON PHOTO STYLUS 780 printer with parallel cable, new in unopened box, \$118. Call 54520.

LOFT with detachable ladder for single bed, \$125. Call 52713, after 5 p.m.

INDOOR PORTABLE play yard for children or pets, enclosed 18.5 square feet, useful for fencing off electronics or other items, \$35. Call Linda, 54624.

BOY'S winter and summer clothes, size 2T, pajamas, coat, shoes and sandals. Call 53585.

4' FENCE, white, over 60' long, 6" slats with 1½" gaps, three years old, paid \$500, will sell for \$250; blinds for all windows in a 400-series duplex, \$75. Call 52529.

VINTAGE AMERICAN-MADE 65-watt tube guitar amplifier with reverb, phasor and comes with foot switch, good condition, \$300. Call 54197.

FREE-STANDING patio cover, sturdy pipe construction, extra-large 24' x 30', paid \$1,000, will sell for \$650; wood fence, 75' long, 5' high, white, with two gates, \$350; dishwasher in good working condition, \$100; ivory mini-blinds for 400-series housing, \$10 each. Call 56452 or 51031.

PCSS SALE. Heavy-duty clothing travel bag, \$10; toaster oven, \$25; Kwaj bike, \$15; Sony stereo, \$70; TV/VCR, \$150; Ovation guitar with hardshell case, \$250; coffee pot, \$20. Call 53782.

TWO ADULT three-speed tricycles, Kwaj-condition, one is a Huff, one is a Trailmate, \$30 each or \$50 for both; computer desk, great condition, \$50. Call 53694.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

KGA presents the 2001 Club Championship Tournament to be held at Holmberg Fairways Oct. 7-9, 14-15. Open to all KGA members with established handicaps. Qualification through Oct. 1. See posted rules for qualifying at the golf course. For more information, call Mark Bradshaw at 53661.

KWAJALEIN DANCE Association's free communitywide dance party of the season is Sunday, Sept. 23, at the MP room. Teens and adults welcome. Dance class from 7:30-8 p.m., open dancing until 10 p.m. BYO non-alcoholic beverage. Call Donna at 53470 for more information.

SCHOOL ADVISORY Council will meet tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the elementary music building. On the agenda is the introduction of new staff and a review of 2000-2001 test scores. The public is invited.

MOPS meets Thursday at the Religious Education Building from 8:45-11 a.m. All moms of young children and mothers-to-be are invited to attend. This is our "Welcome" meeting. We will have snacks and a craft. Bring your preschoolers; we have caregivers. Questions? Call Amy at 52681.

PIANO ACCOMPANIST is needed for the Kwajalein Community Chorus. Thursday evening rehearsals run from late September through early December. A performance is planned for Dec. 10. If you can assist with all or part of the accompanying, call Dick Shields, 51684.

KWAJALEIN ART Guild is having a stained glass exhibit and open house Sept. 23 (note date change). Interested in showing your work? Call Dana at 54216. Enthusiasts are encouraged to bring copies of their favorite patterns to share and to swap glass.

KWAJALEIN ALCOHOLICS Anonymous meets Wednesdays and Saturdays, 6:30 p.m., in Building 932. If you have the desire

to quit drinking, call 51143 and leave a message. We will get back to you.

DUE TO safety concerns, Buildings and Grounds will not trim coconut trees until further notice. Be aware of falling coconuts during this time.

AMERICAN LEGION Post 44 monthly meeting is Wednesday, 6 p.m., at the Vets' Hall. All members, veterans and active duty military personnel are welcome.

USAKA Hail and Farewell. Enjoy an evening of swimming, food and fun. Traditional picnic meal with sodas will be served. Purchase your \$8 ticket at USAKA Community Services before Sept. 25. Picnic is Sept. 29, 6:30-10 p.m., at the family pool. BYOB. USAKA adults only.

"JESUS, the One and Only," a 10-week Bible study by Beth Moore begins Thursday, Sept. 20, 1-3 p.m., in the Religious Education Building. Questions? Call Lora, 54186.

Col. Enrique Janer, Inspector General for the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, will offer walk-in visits for Kwaj and Roi residents Sept. 21-22. Call 50206 or 50216 for more information.

Racquetball Tournament

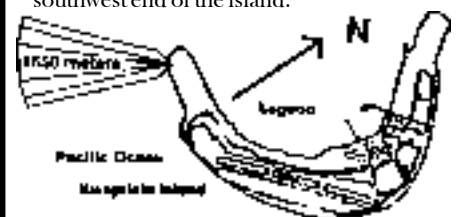
Sept. 23-24

All interested participants, sign up at Community Activities office. Registration fee is \$10. Questions? Call Ian, 53331.

Small Arms Range Notice

The small arms range will be in operation tomorrow, 8 a.m.-noon. Avoid the hazard area shown below.

All watercraft observe the red flags on the southwest end of the island.



Classified Ads and Community Notices

eight @ eight



Two Dates!!!

Sept. 22
Emon Beach
6 p.m.
Char-grilled
burgers, dogs,
refreshments
and more by
Sodexo USA

Sept. 23
Outrigger Bar
on Roi-Namur
8 p.m.



PRIVATE BOAT owners: Keep our environment clean. There is a chemical waste collection site at the Roundhouse. Scheduled pick-ups are Wednesdays and Saturdays. To report damaged containers, full drums or accumulated waste such as batteries or paint cans, or if you have any questions concerning risk associated with

cleaning up or transferring materials, call 51134.

NO SPACES are left for Kwajalein Art Guild's Fall Holiday Faire. Questions? Call Dana, 54216.

To All UPH Residents

- The Housing office will issue **NEW** meal cards Sept. 25 – 29. Housing representatives will be in front of Café Pacific during lunchtimes **ONLY** to issue new meal cards and receive **OLD** meal cards.
- If you are going off island or know of someone who is off island, contact Rhonda, Sharon or Pinky at 53593.
- If you have questions, call BQ Housing, 53593

TOWNHALL MEETINGS

Kwajalein,
tonight,
6 p.m., in the
MP room.

Roi-Namur,
Saturday,
6:30 p.m., in the
Tradewinds Theater.

This week at Gilligan's

Friday

DJ Chris Eskew
plays the hottest music
on the billboard charts,
7-11 p.m.

Saturday

Feel the heat of merengue,
salsa and reggae, with a
spice of hip hop. Caribe
Dancehall night with
special guest DJ "Estilo,"
8 p.m.-2 a.m.

Sunday

Get your ticket now for
an attempt to break the
world record shot slam.
Great music all night with
CPN DJ Rich Feagler, all
you can eat Mexican
buffet and more. Advance
ticket purchase required;
must be registered
by 6 p.m.

Quarters of the Quarter

Quarters of the Quarter judging is Tuesday, Sept. 25. Five yards will be selected. One each from North, Ocean, Central, South and Emon Beach housing areas. Judges look for general overall appearance, initiative and originality.

See you at the movies!**Saturday****Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey (1993, G)**

Two dogs and a cat make a long trek across the Sierra Nevadas to find their way home. Along the way, they encounter a number of dangers, including bears, mountain lions and a violent waterfall. Meanwhile, their owners (Robert Hays and Kim Greist) find out about their disappearance and begin a frantic campaign to locate the missing pets. (Voices of Michael J. Fox, Don Ameche) (85 minutes)

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

The Forsaken (New Release, R)

A lone traveler picks up a couple of hitchhikers. Bad idea: They're infected with a vampire virus — and soon so is he. The only way out is to track down and kill the 900-year-old host organism. (Kerr Smith) (90 minutes)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.

Sarafina (1992, PG-13)

Musical about a young student in apartheid South Africa whose teacher inspires her to dream of a better tomorrow. (Leleti Khumalo, Whoopi Goldberg) (96 minutes)

Tradewinds Theater, 8 p.m.

Sunday**Sarafina (1992, PG-13)**

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

The Forsaken (New Release, R)

Tradewinds Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Monday**Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey (1993, G)**

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

The Forsaken (New Release, R)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.

Donation sites set up locally and online; be careful on the Internet

By KW Hillis

Feature Writer

In the wake of the terrorist attacks, candle-light marches help show solidarity with fellow Americans, but many residents want to help in a more tangible way. Since the community can't donate blood, that help may translate into donating money.

Local donations to the American Red Cross are being collected at Tape Escape, Surfway, Ten-Ten and Gimbel's.

Donors may give through the end of the month. Members of Island Memorial Chapel then will collect the money and send it to the American Red Cross.

Two funds have been set up to collect money for the Army and federal worker victims and families involved in the Pentagon and World Trade Center terrorist attacks, said LuAnne Fantasia, of USAKA Public Affairs Office.

Contributions for Army victims of the Pentagon attack may be made to:

*Pentagon Victim's Fund
Army Emergency Relief
200 Stovall Street Room 5N13
Alexandria, VA 22332-0600
Phone: 703-428-0000*

Make checks payable to: The Pentagon Victim's Fund

*Civilian:
Federal Employees Education and Assistance — World Trade Center/Pentagon Fund
Suite 200*

*8441 West Bowles Ave
Littleton, CO 80123-3245*

Phone 1-800-323-4140 or 202-708-4909

Make checks payable to: Federal Employees Education and Assistance Fund.

"Normally, the military supports one an-

Where to give:

Locally (to the American Red Cross)

- Tape Escape, Surfway, Ten-Ten and Gimbel's

Department of Defense

- Pentagon Victim's Fund, Army Emergency Relief

- Federal Employees Education and Assistance — World Trade Center/Pentagon Fund (see addresses in story)

Online (to name a few)

- www.redcross.org
- www.Unitedway.org
- www.Helping.org
- www.Amazon.com

nual fundraiser—the Combined Federal Campaign," Fantasia said. "But, extraordinary events call for extraordinary efforts."

Fortunately, Web sites also are set up on the Internet to expedite donations.

Unfortunately, Internet crooks are already exploiting the disaster by soliciting donations by e-mail, warns the Coalition Against Unsolicited Commercial E-mail and SpamCon Foundation.

E-mails purporting to be from the Red Cross or an "Express Relief Fund" or "Victim Survivors Fund" send would-be donors to Web sites not connected with any valid non-profit organizations, CAUCE said.

Internet Scambusters, another Internet watchdog group, urged people to ignore the e-mail requests and either call by phone or go directly to an organization's Web site including www.redcross.org, www.Unitedway.org, www.Helping.org or www.Amazon.com, which has already collected over \$767,000 for the American Red Cross.

WEATHER

Courtesy of Aeromet

Tonight: Fair with a slight chance for a brief shower.

Winds: North to northeast at less than 10 knots.

Tomorrow: Partly cloudy with isolated showers developing late.

Winds: Northeast at 5 to 10 knots.

Temperature: Tonight's low 80°
Tomorrow's high 88°

September rain total: 2.92"

Annual rain total: 37.81"

Annual deviation: -28.48"

Call 54700 for continuously updated forecasts and sea conditions.



Sun • Moon • Tides



	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Tuesday September 18	0639/1848	0708/1937	0437, 6.3' 1657, 5.9'	1051, 0.0' 1102, 0.1'
Wednesday September 19	0639/1847	0805/2025	0512, 6.2' 1731, 5.9'	1123, 0.1' 2339, 0.2'
Thursday September 20	0639/1847	0901/2113	0547, 5.8' 1804, 5.8'	1154, 0.4'
Friday September 21	0639/1846	0956/2202	0620, 5.4' 1837, 5.5'	0015, 0.5' 1224, 0.7'